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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to yesterday's values. Trade sentiment entering the weekend was usually steady to fully steady. Demand improved in some areas and ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate on large, but closely balanced to tight on the balance of sizes. Breaking stock offerings were tight to inadequate for the moderate to good demand. Schedules were noted as normal to reduced. Spent hens were fully sufficient to occasionally ample for a fairly good to good demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as normal for the upcoming week. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced its intent to purchase fowl meat products for school lunch and other domestic food assistance programs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 1 cent higher for mediums. All other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment remained fully steady for mediums and steady for the balance. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to fairly good, best for features. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate for large and adequate to close for the balance.

	Range	Mostly	IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	36-46	37-43	LARGE	18-27	22
LARGE	35-45	36-39	MEDIUM	8-14	12
MEDIUM	22-32	24-27	SMALL	6-10	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending slightly higher. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to fairly good, best where features were in progress. Large eggs were advertised for 99 cents a dozen. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate on large while the balance of sizes remained close to tight. Breaking stock demand was noted as light to moderate for sufficient offerings. Spent hen supplies were fully adequate to instances ample for the at least moderate to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-62	48-50
LARGE	39-53	44-48
MEDIUM	26-39	31-33

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment remained fully steady for mediums and steady for the balance. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good with a large amount of feature activity in progress or planned for next week. Food service movement was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for large and adequate to tight for the balance. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades higher. Demand was good for the tight to inadequate offerings. Floor stocks mostly tight to barely adequate. Schedules varied. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49.5-58	51-54
LARGE	43.5-52	45-48
MEDIUM	27.5-36	29-32

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to instances fairly good. Supplies were fully adequate to close for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were tight to adequate for the moderate demand. Spent hens were fully adequate to at times ample for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	43.5-51	45-48
LARGE	42-49	43-46
MEDIUM	28.5-36	29-33

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were the same as the previous day. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate to instances good entering the weekend. Supplies were fully sufficient to close for present trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	54-58
LARGE	52-56
MEDIUM	40-44

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	43-52	45-49
LARGE	42-51	43-45
MEDIUM	29-38	32-34

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WESTERN REGIONAL Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady on jumbo, extra large and large with asking prices for next week unchanged. Medium were firm with asking prices 3 cents higher. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady on jumbo, extra large, and large with asking prices for next week unchanged; medium and small were firm with asking prices 3 cents higher. Retailer demand fairly good, best to cover features. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 44. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 99; smaller outlets- extra large dozen 89, 20 pack 129, 2 for \$3, large dozen 69, medium 20 pack 99.

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	97
EXTRA LARGE	90
LARGE	78
MEDIUM	64

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	69-86
EXTRA LARGE	67-78
LARGE	65-68
MEDIUM	51-54

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	249-309
EXTRA LARGE	219-289
LARGE	199-219
MEDIUM	179-189

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades higher. Demand was good while offerings were tight to inadequate. Some breakers had reduced schedules due to close inventories of breaking stock and many operations were separating heavier due to whole egg pricing. Floor stocks mostly tight to barely adequate. Schedules varied. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	24-26.5	25-26
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-17	14-16
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were slightly higher when compared to early week trading. The undertone was at least steady. Offerings ranged tight to adequate for the moderate demand. Floor stocks were irregular for normal to reduced processing schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 09-Apr-05 were 3 percent less than the previous week, although 14 percent higher than the same week a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	22-26	23-24
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-17	12-15
EASTERN REGION AREA: AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 09-APR-05 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,339,912	31,659	13,567	7,143	3,055	4,385
PW	1,356,492	30,897	14,034	7,734	3,140	4,622
LY	1,177,138	28,021	11,203	6,130	2,613	3,851
% CHG PW	-1	2	-3	-8	-3	-5
% CHG LY	14	13	21	17	17	14
2005	17,656,167	421,047	172,838	92,605	39,465	61,531
2004	16,320,375	388,724	155,493	86,546	35,674	57,029
% CHG YTD	8	8	11	7	11	8

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.36	42.23	41.80
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	39.08	38.82	38.53

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk and whites continued too few to report. Trade sentiment was firm for whole egg and yolk with whites reported as weak. Demand was fairly good to good for whole egg and yolk with white demand mostly moderate and readily moved at discounts. Offerings were inadequate to short of needs for whole egg, fully adequate to ample for whites and in close balance for yolk. Most breakers were refusing current bids for whole egg and asking higher prices. Breaking stock prices were higher compared to the past week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE		TFEWR		
WHITES	24	15-21	18.17	-1.88
YOLKS	12	42-45	43.71	1.13

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg ranged unchanged to 2 cents higher with frozen whites 1 cent lower. Sugared and salted yolk ranged higher when compared to last week's reported prices. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for whole egg and frozen yolk products with whites reported as barely steady to weak. Offerings were adequate and generally made as ordered. Demand was seasonally moderate as buyers worked from hand to mouth. Central States breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	34-39	34-37
WHITES	36-39	37
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-59	54-55
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	50-56	51-53

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged to higher on sugar yolks, balance of items were unchanged to lower when compared to the previous week's trading. Buyers interest was slightly improved but was still in the light to moderate range. Supplies and offerings were adequate for most trade needs. Undertone was unsettled on whites, but generally steady on balance of items. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 09-Apr-2005 were 1% less than last week, but 21% higher than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS	(MIN. 25 CONT.)	LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	33-38	34-36	41-45
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		54-70
WHITES	32-39	35-37	42-47
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	48-55	52-55	58-63
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	48-54	50-52	55-60
(/)- Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.			

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 4/9 was 2% less than the previous week. Frozen demand fair with freezer stocks ample.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	RANGE
WHOLE	40-43
WHITES	42-45
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	58-61
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-59

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Mostly prices were unchanged on albumen and blends, and unchanged to slightly lower on yolks and whole eggs when compared to a week earlier. Overall, demand and trading was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate for trade needs. The undertone was mixed, but usually steady on yolks, and about steady to unsettled on balance of items. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 09-Apr-2005 were 3% lower than the previous week, but 17% above last year. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 11% more than a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, Trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.21-1.50	MOSTLY	1.29-1.40
YOLKS	1.21-1.45	MOSTLY	1.34-1.40
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.19-2.45	MOSTLY	2.30-2.40
BLENDS(WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.21-1.65	MOSTLY	1.30-1.45

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 08, 2005-APR 14, 2005

CURRENT LOADS 61.50 FUTURE LOADS 71.50 TOTAL LOADS 133.00

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	24.33	27.86	25.00	27.11	—	26.50	37.00
GNR BR 1	—	33.00	—	41.00	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	48.00	49.50	38.81	—	7.00
GL W XL	—	36.00	37.63	38.94	33.92	36.00	39.75
GL W LG	—	38.45	32.67	34.78	28.30	—	24.00
GL W MD	—	24.77	24.53	25.20	22.71	23.67	24.25
GL W SM	25.92	28.42	22.84	25.16	—	—	7.75
GL BR SM	—	—	22.00	24.00	—	—	.75
NRBS - 48	—	22.00	—	—	27.00	24.50	36.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	15.50	1.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	31.00	—	—	—	—	40.00	2.00
GL W J	46.50	—	—	—	—	52.24	4.25
GL W XL	35.75	39.00	—	—	—	43.21	9.50
GL W LG	31.50	38.00	—	—	—	39.38	15.75
GL W MD	26.75	31.53	—	33.13	—	31.67	11.50
GL W SM	23.00	—	—	—	—	26.00	1.00
NRBS - 39	19.00	—	—	—	—	23.00	.75

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS
(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand ranged fairly good to good for current needs. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate to instances ample for current trade needs. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-13	8-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs ranged unchanged. Offerings were ample with demand mostly good as producers continue to remove spent hens at an increased pace. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-8.5	6-8.5

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules fulltime. Offerings ample.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL APR 15, 2005
Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	49.00	46.00	32.00
SOUTHEAST	46.50	44.50	31.00
MIDWEST	40.00	37.50	25.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	52.50	46.50	30.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	47.25	43.73	29.75

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair at best for light canners; heavy canners were mostly fair with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were fully adequate for light canners; generally adequate for heavy canners. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24-30 MAJORITY 26-30	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-33 MAJORITY 28-31	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 09-APR-05
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,740	1,314	3,054
Last Week	1,671	1,421	3,092
Same week yr ago	1,362	1,305	2,667
To-date/2005	21,042	18,412	39,454
To-date/2004	17,870	17,683	35,553

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	362	0	362
Last Week	404	0	404
Same week yr ago	199	0	199
To-date/2005	4,208	11	4,219
To-date/2004	3,348	39	3,387

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	2,102	1,314	3,416
Last Week	2,075	1,421	3,496
Same week yr ago	1,561	1,305	2,866
To-date/2005	25,250	18,423	43,673
To-date/2004	21,218	17,722	38,940

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending April 2, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	406	97	3,043	2,071
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	3	0	82	187
Total	409	97	3,125	2,258

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending April 2, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	85	37	2,010	1,159
Frozen	7	127	309	466
Dried	0	80	300	824
Total	92	244	2,619	2,449

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending April 2, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Jumbo	0	0	33	50
Extra Large	950	1,530	6,450	4,980
Large	4,350	860	16,980	11,913
Medium	2,250	2,010	14,085	11,880
Ungraded	1,440	4,794	9,140	24,218
Misc	0	3,160	2,263	5,350
Total	8,990	12,354	48,951	58,391

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section
Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers**
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	04/11/05	3,338	111,577	49,851
AM	04/01/05	3,450	101,666	49,856
CHG		-112	9911	-5
PCT CHG		-3%	10%	0%

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 09-Apr-2005	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	227.2	-10	-8
East North Central	562.9	-6	2
West North Central	269.5	-7	-6
South Atlantic	197.9	-6	-20
South Central	61.3	0	-12
West	202.8	-2	-11
Total	1521.6	-6	-7

Matched Plants reporting Previous week 86

Last year 85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 09-Apr-2005

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
	(Thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	25.2	26.3	-4	-24
Boston	3.3	3.1	6	-28
Chicago	66.1	64.2	3	-45
Detroit	28.1	20.1	40	-28
Kansas City	3.1	3.1	0	-45
Los Angeles	101.2	104.5	-3	-9
New Orleans	7.8	6.1	28	-17
New York	30.6	28.2	9	-14
St. Louis	15.7	15.7	0	-16
San Francisco	25.8	19.2	34	-15
Total	306.9	290.5	6	-25
4 Week Moving Avg.	343.3			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Apr 12, 2005

Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	92	89	67	46
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	85-89	82-86	60-64	39-44
MOSTLY	87-88	84-85	62-63	41-42
RHODE ISLAND	91-95	88-92	66-70	45-49
MOSTLY	91	88	66	45
VERMONT	92-95	89-90	67-69	-
MOSTLY	92	89	67	-

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